

Appln. No. 09679,363

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002. This Response is accompanied by a request for a three-month extension of time. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed.

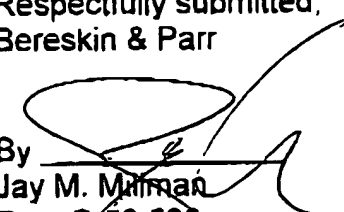
By this Response, the applicant has cancelled all of the claims on file without prejudice (namely claims 31 - 33, 39 - 43 and 45 - 48) and has inserted 25 new claims, namely claims 49 - 73. Accordingly, the application now contains 25 claims including 3 independent claims. Please charge the excess claim fees of \$90 for the five additional claims in excess of 20 to our deposit account 022095.

In view of the new grounds for rejection presented by the Examiner in the above-noted Office Action, the applicant has introduced a new set of claims to more particularly define the invention.

Should the Examiner have any further concerns regarding the language of the application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 416-957-1679.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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